



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

*Newsletter for March 26, 2017*

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**From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:**

Our 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Dance is only 5 days away! By now you have already reviewed the duty roster Lorraine sent out to all club members. Lorraine would like some early help setting up one of the rooms at the church. Those who can help, please arrive at 3:30 PM. We can decorate the other room at 6:00 PM so those who are able to arrive at this time, please come and help. Don't forget your salads or desserts. The after party is being hosted by Denny and Karen Dennison. They will provide maps to their home at the dance. Don't forget to bring a treat to share and a drink. Thank you both Denny and Karen for opening up your home to us.

Russ and Anne

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### **Announcements**

#### **42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Dance:**

The Swinging Stars 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Dance is on Friday, March 31, 2017 at All Saints Catholic Church. Our Dance Chairperson, Lorraine Burson ([lorraine@bursons.us](mailto:lorraine@bursons.us)), has sent out a reminder email this week to refresh our memories as to what food items and duties we have volunteered to provide or work. **Lorraine tells me she wants a response from all Swinging Stars and has heard from just a few of us. She will be sending out a second email reminder list. Please acknowledge you are providing those items or duties.**

#### **Lessons Update:**

We have just 5 more lessons left this session. Thanks to everyone who responded to our 911 call for angels. We were able to make that 4<sup>th</sup> square later after some of our angels arrived from other obligations. We actually put everyone in a square who was there including Jodie Baldwin. We were missing 5 of our students again but one of those couples has dropped out. We are hoping to get them to attend the fall lessons.

Please help us by coming to lessons as an angel this week. If you come, we promise to put you in a square to dance. We want to thank all those who have been showed up to angel this past week: C. Wolfe, Mulvin, Nejd, Mosher, Burson, H. Kilejian, P. Amy, Perrot, Bergesen, D. Rhinehart, G. Deluke, and Bondi. J.B. Morrison has been attending as an angel, but he needs very little refreshing of his dance moves although he claims he is a little rusty. Please consider attending lessons as an angel which are held on Tuesdays from 7:15 to 9:15 at Carpenter Rec. Center, 6701 Coit Road, Plano.

## **Round Dance Lessons:**

Linda and JL Pelton will be starting a new beginning Jive class on Tuesday, March 21st at Carpenter Rec Center, 6701 Coit Road, Plano. Lessons are 8 weeks long and are from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Jive is also called triple swing or what you might have called jitterbug. This two-hour class gives you plenty of time to practice (and catch your breath as there be will be frequent breaks) and, just like square dancing, it's practice that makes you a good dancer.

If you are interested in Round Dancing this is an excellent class to start your journey into the fun world of rounds. And if you already know another rhythm, it's much easier to learn a new one. Registration is open. The Class ID # is 187431.

Linda and JL tell me this is the last week they will accept students in this class. So come on over to Carpenter Rec Center and sign up. By the way, some of our students in square dance lessons wanted to see what round dance classes look like so they stuck their head in the room and were amazed at how well the class was doing. Thank you JL and Linda for being so gracious to our square dance students.

## **Friendship Party Bus:**

Swinging Stars has planned a bus trip to Tool, TX on Saturday, May 6th to attend the Log Cabin Swinger's 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Dance. Our own Wayne Baldwin is calling and Walter Brewer is cueing rounds. This is a joint venture with the Texas Reelers so we will be sharing the bus. The Reelers are reaching out to the Rebel Rousers to join us on the bus, which should lead to all sorts of fun. We will accept and forward checks payable to Bill Dick, of the Texas Reelers who is arranging this trip. You can either mail the check to us or hand it to us at one of the upcoming dances. The cost is \$24 per person which includes the bus rental, tip to the driver, entry into the dance and of course the dinner the Log Cabin Swingers will provide. We will be playing games on the bus, hosting a sing-a-long and even celebrating our after party on the way home. See the flyer at end of newsletter for more details. [Mail checks made payable to Bill Dick but mail to Russ and Anne Nejd, 4105 Cassandra Lane, Plano, TX 75093](#)

## **Semi-Annual Meeting**

Save the date Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM for the Swinging Stars semi-annual meeting. We have reserved Ojeda's Mexican Restaurant's back room (in Plano) but were told everyone would be expected to order food and drinks. We know this is not ideal and are asking for help in locating another venue. If anyone has any suggestions, please let us know. We are unable to use either location for Spring Creek BBQ (Addison or Richardson). I did speak to Haggard Library in Plano. They have a room but it costs \$25 an hour to rent and there is a minimum of 2 hours required. So everyone put on their thinking caps and give us suggestions as to where to host this meeting.

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## **Happening This Week**

**Tuesday, March 21<sup>th</sup> – Square Dance Lessons – Carpenter Rec. Center – 7:15 PM**

**Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> – Round Dance Lessons – Carpenter Rec Center – 7:30 PM**

**Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – Plus 4's – Charles Quisenberry – 7:30 PM**

**Friday, March 31<sup>th</sup> – Swinging Stars 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Dance – Wayne Baldwin & Paul Cote and Walter Brewer**

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\* \* \* 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report \* \* \*

**Bob and Terri Pitts**

It was a beautiful weekend and it set the mood for some Spring dancing fun and taking time to help celebrate two fellow clubs' anniversary dances. We are fortunate to have all the NORTEX clubs we can visit and experience fun all over the DFW Metroplex. This week is time to 'gear' up and focus on our own special Stars' anniversary dance! Do what you can to plan ahead to make it all flow smoothly and easily Friday night.

It is not required, but you are welcome to send a BRIEF write up on visitations we personally don't attend for inclusion in our report. Make sure to get it to us before noon Sunday.

### **Club Visitations**

**Stone Steppers' Spring Celebration 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dance, 24Mar** – Thank you to the **17 Swinging Stars** who capitalized on this unique Anniversary opportunity and attended the Stone Steppers' colorful Spring Dance. Christine Hixson cued some great songs for our dancing pleasure in the early rounds, as well as throughout the evening. Jon and Deborah Carroll-Jones led us through some very entertaining mainstream and plus tips which included a lively Flight of the Bumblebee plus medley and Islands in the Stream mainstream songs. They were joined by Bill Hinkley and Bob Knowles, a visiting caller from California, for a fun last tip. What a fun dance! The Steppers were great hosts and set up a wonderful silent auction and salad/dessert spread for all of us.

**Cotton Pickin' Squares' Picnic in the Cotton Patch 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary dance, 25Mar** – Thank you to the **11 Swinging Stars** who attended this entertaining dance Saturday night. Christine Hixson cued the early rounds and rounds between tips with a great selection of rhythms and tunes. Mike Bramlett called fun squares to a bevy of good songs, and later in the evening Mike gave the stage to Bill Hinkley and Bob Knowles, who each called a dance. Mike even had Dee join him for a duet in the last tip. It was another great evening of dancing, delicious food, fellowship, and many folks went home with some nice silent auction items.

### **Banner Status**

Our current Swinging Star banner inventory is shown below. If you visit a club whose banner we have, please don't bring home another one.

<b>Other Clubs' Banners Held by the Swinging Stars</b>		<b>Swinging Stars' Banners Held by Other Clubs</b>	
<b>Club</b>	<b>Date Captured</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Date Captured</b>
T Square Gadabouts	20-Feb-2015	Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016
Diamond Jubileers	14-Mar-2015		
Dixie Chainers	28-Mar-2015		
Triangle Square	15-Jul-2016		
Lone Star Solos	10-Nov-2016		
Rebel Rousers	19-Nov-2016		
Kissin' Kuzzins	03-Feb-2017		
Circle I	04-Feb-2017		
Cotton Pickin' Squares	25-Mar-2017		

## **Swinging Stars Dance Classes**

### **Mainstream Square Dance Lessons**

Date: Tuesdays 31 January thru 25 April  
Instructor: Wayne Baldwin  
Time: 7:15PM-9:15PM  
Location: Carpenter Park Recreation Center  
6701 Coit Road, Plano, TX 75024

### **Beginning Jive Dance Lessons**

Date: Tuesdays 21 April thru 09May  
Instructors: J.L & Linda Pelton  
Time: 7:30PM-9:30PM  
Location: Carpenter Park Recreation Center  
6701 Coit Road, Plano, TX 75024

## **Coming Events**

### **Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance!!! – Dancing with the Stars – 5<sup>th</sup> Friday of March**

Date: Friday, 31Mar17  
Callers: Guest Paul Cote and Wayne Baldwin  
Cuer: Walter Brewer  
Time: 7:00PM early rounds, 8:00PM grand march  
Location: All Saints Catholic Church  
5231 Meadowcreek Drive, Dallas, TX  
Attire: Evening or Square Dance Attire

### **Special and Weekend Dances (that don't conflict with Swinging Stars dances)**

#### **Jerry Story Swing into Spring – All Plus Weekend**

Date: 7-9 Apr17  
Caller: Jerry Story  
Cuer: Walter Brewer  
Location: Promenade Hall  
1210 N. Tool Dr. (Highway 274), Tool, TX  
Notes: See March Promenade pp.22 for details

## **Monthly Ladies Luncheon - a note from Lorraine**

Mary Hardin is the hostess for the April Luncheon. She has chosen Chocolate Angel at the High Point Antique Mall on April 19th which is a Wednesday at 11:30 am. It is at the corner of Plano Parkway and Central in Plano. She needs to confirm reservations by Mon April 17th. Please let her know ASAP so she will have a good count before the 4/17 date. Contact Mary by phone or email. Mary's Home phone is [972-517-8691](tel:972-517-8691) and Cell [214-632-4230](tel:214-632-4230). This venue is a very nice restaurant inside the Antique Mall. It is all so one of the Lady Stars favorite places for our luncheons.

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## **Refreshments Duty and Information**

Contact Karen Hawkins for problems or questions regarding refreshments @ [markt.karen1@gmail.com](mailto:markt.karen1@gmail.com) or text: 214-537-0446 (Karen's cell phone). Each team member is to pick up a refreshment bag at the dance prior to their refreshment duty date. Teams are responsible for ice and 5 tablecloths which may be purchased at any dollar store. If you need any supplies, contact Jan Bergeson ([janbergesen@gmail.com](mailto:janbergesen@gmail.com)).

Refreshment Committee Alert: Mark and Karen Hawkins are ready to set up the schedules for the June, July and August dances. If you know you'll be unavailable any time during the summer please email or text the Hawkins to let them know. Remember, once your name is on the refreshment schedule, you must find someone

to switch with should you need to change your week. Email: [markt.karen@gmail.com](mailto:markt.karen@gmail.com). Text: 214-537-0446 (Karen's cell phone). Karen and Mark thank all those who took the time to let them know of upcoming vacations so as to avoid a scheduling conflict.

March 31 - Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance – Everyone brings refreshments

April 14 - **Heinz**, Hardin, Pharr, See

April 28 - **Kern**, Estep, Covington, Jung

May 12 - **Lee**, Burson, Amy, Reid

May 26 - **Jimison**, Kilejian, Feldman, Bivins

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**Important dates for this year (you should have these on your calendar!):**

March 31, 2017 – Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance (Lorraine Burson coordinator)

May 7, 2017 – Swinging Stars Semi-Annual Meeting

July 29, 2017 – Swinging Stars DD Dance - Wayne's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a square dance caller

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Check out and Like our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/278689705592854>

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For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page [www.swingingstars.org](http://www.swingingstars.org) and click on Weekends.

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Remember our Sunshine person is Lucy Hamm, and you can email her at [llhamm45@gmail.com](mailto:llhamm45@gmail.com) or phone her at 214-872-7219. Please contact her with anything that we need to be aware of in regards to sickness or other issues.

**Russ & Anne Nejd**

**Swinging Stars Presidents**

**Email:** [president@swingingstars.org](mailto:president@swingingstars.org)

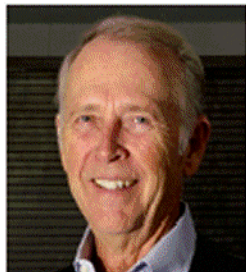
**Phone:** 972-964-5979

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**Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances – Flyer(s) follow below:**

# Swinging Stars

42nd Anniversary Dance



Caller  
Wayne Baldwin



Guest Caller  
Paul Cote



Cuer  
Walter and Eula Brewer

**Friday, March 31, 2017**

All Saints Catholic Church  
5231 Meadowcreek Dr. Dallas



Early Rounds 7:00  
Grand March 8:00



Dancing in the Fellowship Hall for Better Acoustics

Salad Supper With Desserts in the Gym



Evening or Square Dance Attire



**Quilt Raffle**

**Honey Pot**

**Money Raffle**

Dancers Under 18 dance free when accompanied by paying adults



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For info: or [president@swingingstars.org](mailto:president@swingingstars.org)

Visit our Web Site: [www.swingingstars.org](http://www.swingingstars.org)

# Friendship Party Bus

To Tool Texas for the Log Cabin Swingers

42 Anniversary Party

Sponsored by the Texas Reelers and the Swinging Stars

Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Bus: 5:00, Dinner: 6:30, Early Rounds: 7:00, Mainstream Dance: 7:30 to 9:30, Home: 11:00

The price of \$24.00 includes the bus ride, dinner, and dance.

Caller: Wayne Baldwin    Cuer: Walter Brewer

